

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970

FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Paul Wilson, Voter Registration, informed the Board that the Trustee for Perry Township had resigned as of December 31st, 2011. The time period for the Republican Party to hold a Caucus has passed and it now goes to the Board of Commissioners. The Advisory Board for Perry Township recommends the Board appoint Mike White as Trustee for Perry Township. Chairman Boyer stated that accepting the recommendation of the Advisory Board seemed like the best way to go. Commissioner Faust asked if the Republican Party did not respond would the Democrat Party have an opportunity to respond. Mr. Wilson said the law states it goes to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioner will have the County Attorney check this out.

Mr. Wilson also brought a form for the Commissioners to sign allowing the Commissioner's room and the G.A.R. room to be used as polling places. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow and sign the form. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Dave Quick, Rural Transit, brought the Commissioners a corrected quarterly report, which needed to be signed by the Commissioners.

HOOSIER RAILS TO TRAILS COUNCIL

Richard Vonnegut and Corky Amable from the Rails to Trails Council came before the Board to ask for their endorsement in making a three quarter mile stretch of Lovers Lane a designated part of the National Bicycle Route 35 and sign a resolution. Commissioner Francis stated he was concerned because he travels Lovers Lane and it can be dangerous for two cars, he cannot imagine adding bicycles to it. Mr. Vonnegut stated that they would post signs.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the resolution provided they post the signs. After further discussion, Commissioner Faust withdrew his motion.

Chairman Boyer said he would like to see something regarding liability because these kinds of things can bring hardships to Counties. Pat Roberts, County Attorney, stated that by signing the resolution, they are agreeing it is a safe route. The Board of Commissioners could not agree it is a safe route and asked them to consider a different route.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Farag informed the Board that Deb Close has resigned from the Health Board. He brought a list of three people who has agreed to serve on the Board if appointed. Commissioner Faust made a motion to appoint Dr. Tom Guthrie to the Health Board replacing Deb Close. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks informed the Board that the generators have been delivered.

Mr. Marks also gave the Board a copy of the District 3 Agreement. The Board will ask the County Attorney to look over the agreement.

There was also a discussion between Mr. Marks and the Board concerning Mr. Marks working with the Auditor on the funds under his control.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, spoke with the Board concerning a grant that was applied for by an engineering firm on behalf of Miami County for sign inventory. Mr. Waltz was asked by another firm how we managed to get approved for the grant. After checking around, Mr. Waltz feels like the grant was obtained under false pretenses and he could not in good conscience recommend the use of the grant money. Miami County is in compliance at this time.

The Commissioners respected Mr. Waltz's opinion and agreed that they do not want to use grant money inappropriately. Commissioner Francis made a motion to not sign the sign inventory grant. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

A letter will be drafted and sent to LTAP declining the grant money.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board had a discussion with Mr. Roberts concerning the Planning Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator. The Board reviewed Legislative Ordinance 1-2012. Commissioner Francis made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the same day it was introduced. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adopt Legislative Ordinance 1-2012. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY

Charles Wagner, Peru Public Library, came before the Board to let them know that the Library was still interested in being on the County Insurance if there was any way that it could be done.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, informed the Board that since the Hanger 200 project had to be re-bid, the OCRA Grant paperwork had to be corrected and needed to be signed again. Chairman Boyer expressed concern on an added sentence. Mr. Tidd stated it did not matter one way or the other and it could be taken out. Commissioner Faust made a motion to remove the sentence. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TREASURER

Rebecca Morris, Treasurer, informed the Board that Morgan Stanley has announced Federal interest rates will hold until the end of 2014 instead of 2013.

INSURANCE

Mike Saine informed the Board that the meetings with the insurance company were well attended.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 1:30. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

EMERGENCY EVACUATION COMMITTEE

The Emergency Evacuation Committee met with the Commissioners regarding their assessment of the emergency plan for the Courthouse and Annex. Tim Hunter, Courthouse Security, expressed the committee's concern about spring being right around the corner and the weather associated with it. The group presented a list of recommendations signed by Officer Hunter, Chris Betzner, Fire Chief and Ken Scott, Health Environmentalist.

The group also discussed the 4th floor. Solid Waste could dispose of old computers and other items that you cannot just dispose of. Looked at what other areas are available for storage of paper items and had discussions on options available for other items stored on the 4th floor. It was decided that we need to start making an effort to improve the current conditions.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Ken Scott make evacuation charts and have them laminated. The Board of Commissioners will pay for the supplies. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Board thanked the committee for all their hard work.

IT
John Powell discussed getting the batteries for the doors and replacing them. Commissioner Francis made a motion to purchase the batteries out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

AT&T BILL
The Auditor informed the Board that there is an issue with the AT&T phone bill. The Auditor has a dispute filed with AT&T due to them raising the long distance from \$400 a month to \$1600 a month. The Auditor requested to pay only the \$400 during the time the bill is being disputed. Commissioner Francis made a motion to only pay the \$400 until the dispute is settled. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES
Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL
Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PITNEY BOWES BILL
Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the amount on the bill for ink which is being billed for Solid Waste out of the Commissioners budget and when Solid Waste pays it back it will be quietused back into County General. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

LPA CLAIMS
Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the claims. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley